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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

American consuls at European ports informed that restrictions against Russian emigrants are removed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
January 11, 1908.

SIR: In view of reports received from consular officers in Russia and Germany as to the diminution of cholera in Russia in Europe, and the removal by the imperial German health office of restrictive measures against Russian immigrants at the control stations on the German frontier, it is requested that the consular officers of the United States at foreign ports be instructed by cable to remove the restrictions now imposed by the quarantine regulations of the United States in regard to the embarkation at European ports of Russian immigrants destined for this country. Should conditions in the future necessitate the reimposition of these restrictions, request will be made on your Department for the issuance of the necessary instructions to the consular officers involved.

Respectfully,

J. B. REYNOLDS,
Acting Secretary.

The SECRETARY OF STATE.

In reply the Department of State informed the Treasury Department January 11 that the following cablegram had been sent to the consul-general at London:

Remove quarantine restrictions imposed September 10th last on Russian immigrants. Repeat Hamburg, Bremen, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Liverpool, Hull, Southampton, Glasgow, and other English ports of embarkation.

CURRENT QUARANTINE MEASURES.

[From the Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes, Berlin, January 1, 1908.]

CHOLERA.

Austria.—December 23. The Governor of Lemberg has suspended medical inspection of travelers and their effects at Uhrynów, Stojanów, Stremilcze, Brody and Folwarki mate, Budyżbaraskie, and Podwotoczyska.

Belgium.—December 10. Arrivals from Sinope subject to same measures as prescribed for those from San Francisco.

Russia.—December 24. The governments of Baku and Tiflis, the Daghestan Territory, the districts of Jelisawetpol and Noworossyski and the cities of Baku, Jelisawetpol, and Noworossyski; also the government of Tobolsk and the expropriated zone of the East China Railway declared to be free of cholera.

Turkey.—The disinfection measures prescribed at the lazaretto of Monastir Aghzy suspended by circular of December 21. Arrivals from Yambo are subject to 48 hours' observation and disinfection measures at a Turkish lazaretto.

PLAGUE.

Belgium.—December 10. Maritime arrivals from San Francisco subject at the quarantine stations of the Scheldt and the ports of Ostend, Nieuport, Zeebrugge, and at Salzaete, to the requirements of the Paris convention.

October 8 and 19. Measures against Oran and Bône suspended.

China.—November 5. The German consul at Chefoo suspends sanitary police control of German vessels arriving from Amoy, Yokohama, and Fuchau.

German Empire.—December 19 and 27. The governments of the maritime states are directed to put in force medical observation of arrivals from Oran and Bône.

Holland.—Measures against Oran, Bône, and Philippeville suspended.

Sweden.—The city of Bône declared free of plague.

Switzerland.—December 21. Ports of Oran, Bône, and Philippeville declared free of plague. Quarantine measures suspended.

ALGERIA.

Report from Algiers—Examination of rats for plague infection at Algiers, Bône, and Philippeville.

Consul Johnson reports, December 28:

Algiers.—During the period from October 15 to December 15, 6,964 rats were captured or destroyed, 769 of which were submitted to the Pasteur Institute for bacteriological examination, with negative results.

Bône.—On December 2, 286 rats were examined, all of which were declared free of plague.

Philippeville.—From October 20 to December 3, 179 rats were bacteriologically examined. Of these, 17 were found to be plague-infected. The examination has been continued, but with negative results.

AUSTRALIA.

Examination of rodents for plague infection at Brisbane and Sydney.

The following information is taken from plague bulletins issued by the departments of health of Queensland and New South Wales and transmitted by Consul-General Bray at Melbourne:

QUEENSLAND.

Brisbane.—Week ended November 9. Rodents destroyed, 656; examined, 528; found infected, 4. Of these rodents 3 were found at different localities in the city and 1 on the steamship *Arawatta*.